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TO THE WHITE HOUSE (FLA SH) EYES ONLY FOR DR. KISSINGER
 SAW JOBERT TODAY RE YOUR TELEGRAM 11068. PRESIDENT
 POMPIDOU DOES NOT WANT A GENERAL MEETING THE FIRST DAY, BUT
 WOULD AGREE TO ONE SECOND DAY IF IT IS USED AS FINAL WRAP-UP
 AND IS KEPT SHORT. POMPIDOU HAS STRONG PREFERENCE FOR REAL
 TETE-A-TETE MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON, WITH ONLY INTERPRETERS
 PRESENT, BUT THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY HERE AND COULD BE
 WORKED OUT BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS IN THE AZORES.

AM ON THE HORNS OF A TERRIBLE DILEMMA AND RAPIDLY NEED
 YOUR ADVICE, TODAY, IF POSSIBLE. PRESIDENT POMPIDOU HAS
 INVITED ME TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO AZORES ON CONCORDE. I CAN
 ARRANGE MY SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY. FROM MY PERSONAL PREFERENCE
 I WOULD PREFER FLY TO AZORES WITH OUR PRESIDENT BUT THE
 INVITATION OF PRESIDENT POMPIDOU FOR ME TO FLY WITH HIM IS SUCH
 A NICE GESTURE THAT I WONDER HOW TO TURN HIM DOWN. JOBERT
 ALSO SAID I MIGHT FM WITH POMPIDOU AND LUCET
 WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. I REPLIED NOT MUCH ROOM ON SPIRIT
 OF 76. HE REPLIED LUCET CAN FLY WASHINGTON-PARIS-AZORES, BUT
 IN ANY EVENT POMPIDOU MOST ANXIOUS I FLY WITH HIM.

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